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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Bureau Chiefs

FROM : Chief, FBIS

SUBJECT : Letter of Instruction - June 1959

1. [] of the Field Operations Staff will visit Nigeria in July to survey potential monitoring sites, and on the return trip will stop at Accra to pursue the possibility of site selection there. He may also survey Roberts Field, Liberia, if results in Nigeria are unpromising. BBC advised that plans for an East African monitoring station are awaiting approval of the British Government. []

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2. At OSI request, [] Chief, RPB and RPB analyst [] briefed members of the Guided Missiles Division, OSI on the manner in which propaganda analysis can contribute to the collection of intelligence on bloc military and scientific developments. The Chief, RPB subsequently received a full briefing on OSI's functions. []

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3. FBIS began daily support of the U.S. delegation at the Geneva Foreign Ministers' Conference. Texts of key items were supplied directly by the London Bureau, and analyses of bloc propaganda were prepared each weekday for incorporation in OCI's support cables. At OCI's request, propaganda on the nuclear test ban issue was covered in the cables on the foreign ministers' talks while the Geneva test ban conference was in recess. []

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4. The Inter-Office Telecommunications Advisory Committee considered the direction-finding problem and favored FBIS initiating action leading to consideration by the U.S. Intelligence Board. FBIS prepared a paper for DD/I consideration which suggested USIB study of the problem. A survey of 80 clandestine operations in the past five years showed that only 5% were located to some degree by direction-finding within one month of the initiation of the broadcast. []

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5. A tentative list of pilot TV monitoring projects was submitted to the DD/I following approval of current FBIS plans for TV monitoring. The first TV cruising report since it was equipped for VHF work was received from the Mediterranean Bureau. Sporadic intercepts ranged from central and southeastern Europe into western USSR. Investigation by headquarters into suitable and economical methods of video recording continues. A tour of the Walter Reed Medical Center's TV studios was made by [] [] to examine monitoring equipment there. []

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6. Little progress in monitoring recruiting was made during the month due to inability to locate qualified personnel in the desired languages or to attract those located. The Persian-Pushtu prospect at Jos, Nigeria, withdrew after accepting an appointment with a British University. []

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7. Of 353 items included in the OCI Daily Digest during the month, 94 (26.6 percent) were based wholly or in part on FBIS sources. []

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8. On 6 May a decision was made by the AD/O that as of 30 June 1959, the West German Economic Report will no longer be produced by the German Bureau because of present tight budgetary and personnel limitations. []

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9. Radio Propaganda Reports (responsible analyst indicated in parentheses): []

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a. "Current Soviet Propaganda Attitude Toward Chinese Communes" []

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b. "Strategic Surprise: Indications of a More Important Role in Soviet Military Doctrine," in response to a requirement from Guided Missiles Division, OSI []

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c. "Undelivered Voroshilov Speech Published in Stenographic Record of CPSU Congress" []

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d. "Soviet Rural Redevelopment: Village Urbanization and Inter-kolkhoz Cooperation" []

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e. "Bloc Propaganda on the Kurdish Question," requested by OCI []

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f. "Soviet Outer-Space Projects: Propaganda Anticipation of New Achievements," requested by the Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence []

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g. "Current Roles of Mao Tse-tung and Liu Shao-chi as Indicated in Peking Propaganda," in support of a forthcoming National Estimate on Communist China []

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h. "Soviet Missile Bases in the Satellites: Bloc Threats and Denials" []

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10. Propaganda analysis items on the FBIS Wire (responsible analyst indicated in Parentheses): []

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a. First Moscow Mention of Nuclear Test Ban in Connection with Foreign Ministers Conference []

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- b. Warsaw Correspondent Suggests Summit Meeting Could be Held on Test-Ban Issue []

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- c. Prague Sees Attempt to Obstruct Test-Ban Agreements in French "Negativism" at Foreign Ministers Conference []

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11. Funds were made available for the procurement of 27 additional short wave multicouplers, thus making it possible for FBIS to fulfill all of its requirements (110 units) at one time at a most favorable price of \$1186 each. []

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12. The Office of Security informed FBIS that arrangements have been made with the Department of State to advise security officers in those embassies where FBIS bureaus are located to exclude FBIS daily reports from Official Use Only material requiring locked storage facilities. []

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13. Special services rendered by BIS during the past month included: []

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a. A detailed report on broadcasting in the Soviet Caucasus contributed to an ORR report on telecommunications in that area. A similar report is in progress for North Korea.

b. Two crash reports in support of Geneva Conference requirements for details on communist clandestine broadcasting operations. The first was a complete catalogue of such transmissions, both current and past; the second an amplification of the themes, characteristics and operational ideosyncracies of selected clandestine transmissions (RFB furnished the themes).

c. A crash IBM run of all Caribbean broadcasting stations furnished DDP.

d. A crash run of all foreign television stations to meet an urgent request from the Director's Office.

14. Due to conflicting reports on the location of the new Persian clandestine radio "National Voice of Iran," the [] to resolve the conflict. He expects to contact the Mediterranean Bureau during the return trip. []

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FIELD SUPPORT OF THE RADIO PROPAGANDA BRANCH []

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1. a. RPB has accepted a request from the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, transmitted by the Tokyo Bureau, for a study of Soviet propaganda efforts to turn Japan toward neutralism. Any such requests from local consumers, whether specific in nature or simply expressions of interest in analysis on a particular subject, may be passed to RPB for consideration. In some cases the subject may already have been covered adequately in SURVEY articles or Radio

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Propaganda Reports, copies of which can be supplied. In other cases memoranda may be prepared or Propaganda Reports published.

b. Although RPB must allocate its time on the basis of priority requirements from the primary recipients of its product, it will welcome as much information as possible on the needs and interests of all consumers-- in the field as well as at headquarters--and will make every effort to accommodate to those needs it can reasonably meet. Formal requirements should be sent directly to the Liaison Officer. Informal requests for consideration of a particular project or for information on branch capabilities may be passed on by letter to the Chief, RPB, with a copy for the Liaison Officer.

2. The West Coast Bureau's 5 May survey of Peking radio treatment of the Tibetan situation, covering the period 1-5 May, was useful and appreciated.

3. Revision of the catalog of "Soviet Radio Commentators," issued 26 November 1957, is under way. Publication of a new catalog is projected for October.

4. Items on the Moscow and Peking commentary lists that have been written up in FYIs should carry the notation "FYI SENT." Such items should not be marked "SENT," which denotes only items actually processed in text, excerpt, or summary form.

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EDITORIAL BRANCH COMMENT

1. General

a. The revised edition of the Editorial Handbook is expected to go to press in June. In an effort to make the manual reflect the changes in Daily Report format, of selection criteria and approach, virtually all of the pages were rewritten. The bureaus are urged to have editors acquaint themselves fully with the new criteria that have been established.

b. Agreement has now been reached with the BBC that transliteration handbook 50-150-1 will be used as a common guide in the transliteration of Russian personal and geographic names. The only exceptions are for geographic names having a commonly accepted English equivalent. Thus it will be Moscow (not Moskva), and Georgia (not Gruzia). All bureaus processing Russian materials are asked to comply. If copies of Handbook 50-150-1 are not available at the bureaus, they should be requested from TIU. Those bureaus which do not handle Russian materials and have no personnel familiar with Russian should be guided as far as possible by the Daily Report in determining the correct rendering. When the name is new, the closest approximate phonetic should be used.

c. The prompt and professional handling of reaction to the death of John Foster Dulles was especially appreciated by the Wire Service and the Projects Staff. The periodic FYI's from several bureaus rounding up comment from different areas were particularly useful.

d. Recent field roundups of Soviet broadcast references to the people's squads and the antireligious campaign have been welcomed in headquarters as examples of how relatively low level recurrent themes can be handled effectively without imposing a burden on the Daily Report. Editors are urged to restrict periods covered by the surveys to a month or so unless instructed otherwise and to keep them factual and descriptive, avoiding analytical interpretations. Such surveys on other repetitive themes from other than Soviet broadcasts would be appreciated. A recent Okinawa submission rounding up references to flood conditions by Peking and the Chinese regional radios was very timely and useful.

e. Artificial or unfamiliar abbreviations have been appearing in filed copy with increasing frequency. Restraint should be exercised in the use of abbreviations, and in no case should clarity be sacrificed for the apparent saving of a word or two. Improvisation of abbreviations by individual editors or monitors is discouraged.

f. Editors are reminded that ECONOMIC ABSTRACTS should not be corrected by teletype memorandum. A new abstract must be substituted for the one containing the erroneous information. The new abstract should bear its own number and contain a reference to the number of the abstract being corrected.

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g. Points of styles: 1) Field editors are requested to review section 5.24. of the GPO Style Manual dealing with possessives and apostrophes; 2) cabinet lists and similar material should be presented in a clearly legible form, preferably tabular; 3) the terms "correspondent" and "newspaperman" are generally more idiomatic than "journalist."

2. London Bureau

The bureau's efficient handling of the May Day parade in Moscow enabled the FBIS Wire to furnish government offices with highlights of the parade and the text of Malinovskiy's speech by the opening of business on 1 May.

3. Austrian Bureau

a. The bureau is commended for its coverage of materials related to Khrushchev's 65th birthday. The roundup of overall bloc press treatment was particularly timely and well presented.

b. Bureau editors are urged to compare the filed and published versions of bureau items and to note instances where extensive headquarters reediting was necessary to remove ambiguities and awkward phraseology in the original copy. Unidiomatic English should be smoothed out in the field, where editors can consult with monitors and translators as to the adequacy of the translation.

4. Mediterranean Bureau

a. High-level appreciation was conveyed to FBIS for the bureau's quick response to a Wire Service request regarding the activity of the Baghdad radio on 19 May.

b. The bureau's prompt filing of important pronouncements by Nasir, Qasim, and other Middle East leaders has permitted their publication on the same day the material was intercepted. Expressions of appreciation from area specialists in the intelligence community have been received.

5. Mediterranean and East Coast Bureau

The concise presentation of briefs from Middle East and African sources has resulted in the publication of much more usable material within the same page confines.

6. Tokyo Bureau

The roundup of Japanese press and radio reaction to the Japanese-Soviet fishery negotiations is an example of a spontaneously offered reaction report that is particularly useful. With Japan's increasingly active role in international affairs, there is a growing need for frequent contributions of this kind. The roundups need not be long; the important

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thing is that they make possible the publication of a maximum of information in a small amount of Daily Report space.

7. Saigon Bureau

The bureau is commended on the generally high quality of its recent Saigon-Cholon press reviews. Their logical organization, clear presentation, and completeness combine to make them a welcome source of highly condensed and timely information.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Mr. Roger G. Seely, Chief, FBIS and [] Chief, Engineering Staff expect to visit all bureaus (except Panama and ECB) in September and October. Proposed arrival dates will be furnished each bureau when plans are firm.

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2. On 6 June [] departed for Europe on RFB business and for purposes of orientation. Planned itinerary includes the London, German, and Austrian Bureaus, Munich, Paris, and Geneva.

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3. Bureau Chiefs and staff officers are requested to avoid use of the phonetic alphabet in messages when results seem facetious or ridiculous. Actual use of the word being abbreviated is often preferable.

4. Two surplus semi automatic tape relay sets, Model AN/TGC-1A, at the Okinawa Bureau are being transferred to the Tokyo Bureau to provide facilities for more expeditious handling of heavy traffic to Camp Zama and to provide a spare. The Okinawa Bureau found it could not make good use of the equipment, which was purchased in used but repairable condition at a nominal cost from Army Signals in Tokyo.

5. Employees are urged to submit any ideas of suggestions they may have toward improving methods of operation, eliminating safety hazards, etc. Their recommendations may make them eligible for awards under the Suggestion Awards Program. Please reference []

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6. In submitting proposed wage scales, Bureaus are requested to include the dollar equivalent at the current rate of exchange.

7. The following FBIS regulatory issuances were released during the month of May:

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Language Development Program	29 April 1959
FBIS Communications	1 May 1959
Transportation of Privately Owned Automobiles	6 May 1959
Travel Performance (Revision pp. 5-12.3)	11 May 1959

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8. LANGUAGE AWARD PROGRAM

The following FBIS employees have received awards for language proficiency since the program was initiated (M-Maintenance, A- Achievement):

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Portuguese

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Dutch

Russian

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PERSONNEL CHANGES

1. New Employees in FBIS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	
<div></div>	Teletypist Ed. Br.	STAT
	Intel. Asst. RPB	

2. Reassignments

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
<div></div>	Adm. Asst. WCB	Adm. Asst. Tokyo Bur.
	Editor Ed. Br.	Chief Monitor Med. Bur.
	Adm. Asst. Tokyo Bur.	Adm. Off. Med. Bur.
	Watch Officer WCB	Watch Officer Okinawa Bur.

3. Separations

<u>From</u>	
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	Electron Tech. ECB
	Librarian Ed. Br.
	Editor Ed. Br.
	Editor Ed. Br.

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